

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Orion C. Key of
Gordonsville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Orion C. Key; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Key was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Key was the owner and operator of Mixon Key Motor Company in Gordonsville for 34 years before retiring in 1982; and

WHEREAS, he was born in the Monoville community, September 11, 1911, the son of the late Thomas Orion (T.O.) and Martha Garrett Key and graduated in 1931 from Carthage High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Key was an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous organizations, including the Carthage Rotary Club, which honored him in 1993 for forty years of service to the organization; and

WHEREAS, he was also a former member of the Smith County Sportsman's Club and served as the Gordonsville Fire Chief for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Key was a devout and longtime member of the Carthage First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon before taking the status of Deacon Emeritus in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mr. Key leaves behind will be treasured by his friends and associates for many years to come; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Key enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth (Betty) West Key; he was the proud parent of a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Charlene Key; and grandfather of granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Jan and Greg Marks; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Orion C. Key, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Orion C. Key.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.